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Annual Gathering a S-mash!

By Carl Lester

On Friday evening, a group of *Southern Gold Society* members & guests traveled to *Chattanooga Whiskey*, a short drive north from Dalton, site of the 2022 *Georgia Numismatic Association* Coin Show.

CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY
EXPERIMENTAL DISTILLERY
TOURS & TASTING
1439
OPEN
…KING UP FOR 100 YEARS OF PROHIBITION
WHISKE… PEOPL…

Located across the street from the famous *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, the whiskey distillery became the first one to operate in Chattanooga since Prohibition.

In 2012, *Chattanooga Whiskey* began importing whiskey runs *[1816 Cask & Reserve]* from *Lawrenceburg Distillers*, in Indiana.

By November 2015, *Chattanooga Whiskey* was producing its own whiskey, the first in Chattanooga in 100 years — appropriately named *‘100 First Taste.’* It took that long to change Tennessee’s distilling laws, to allow whiskey distilling in Hamilton County [where Chattanooga is located].

Today, the downtown location experiments with new whiskey formulas — & a riverfront location produces runs of selected whiskey recipes, in larger, production quantities.

SGS attendees (left to right) Carl and Cheryl Lester, David Crenshaw, Marc Kosanovich, and Chip Cutcliff were part of a group of ten, who took the tour of the downtown experimental distillery.

In addition to seeing where the experimental mash is produced, we saw a 135 gallon still that produces distillates that are funneled down to the barrel loading facility, in the basement.

Char Levels
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The various whiskey types are produced by aging the distillates from different mash recipes — in a variety of carefully sourced oak barrels, with selective degrees of charring [on the inside of the barrels] & aging times.

A basement storage area, full of experimental whiskey recipes being aged in oak barrels, was an amazing site.

TENNESSEE STILLHOUSE
115
CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY Co.
FILL DATE 10/20/16
BARREL ID TSH16155-58
RECIPE TMB 100
DISTILLER
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
DSP-TN-21030

CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY
WHISKEY TASTING NOTES
DISTILLER'S SELECT

After the tour was complete, *SGS* attendees were treated to a ‘Whiskey Tasting Flight’ of six *Chattanooga Whiskeys*, including:

1. *Silver* [100 Proof] — The signature Tennessee High Malt recipe that has only ‘kissed’ a charred barrel. It showcases notes of honeysuckle, pear, graham cracker & caramel corn.
2. *91* [91 Proof] — Exhibits notes of dried apricot, sweet tea & honeyed toast; medium bodied with a lingering, malty-sweet finish.
3. *Cask 111* [111 Proof] — It has notes of chocolate covered cherry, toasted coconut & cinnamon; full bodied, with a warming, malty finish.
4. *Founder’s Blend* [100 Proof] — A blend of 3 whiskeys with origins in Lawrenceburg, Indiana & Chattanooga, Tennessee, it features notes of root beer float, black cherry, toasted oak & toffee bar; full bodied, with a cedar & sweet smoke finish.
5. *99 Rye* [99 Proof] — Exhibits notes of fruit cake, cola spice, sage & toasted rye; full bodied, with a malty sweet & spicy finish.
6. *Experimental Batch 023: Aquavit* [88 Proof] — Features p notes of deli rye bread, black currant, licorice root, candied citrus; reminiscent of Norwegian gin.

After the tour & tasting, *SGS* attendees crossed the street & dined at *STIR* —

located next door to the *Chattanooga Choo Choo* entrance.

STIR specializes in oysters & other seafood delicacies, all prepared fresh, from scratch.

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Over dinner, members discussed their most recent acquisitions of southern gold coins & related ephemera. A fine time was had by all.

A special thank you to our Chattanooga Whiskey tour guide, Hollis, and tasting crew, Trinity and Caleb.

Writers Needed

One of the purposes of the SGS is to “enjoy each member's knowledge.” This newsletter is one of the ways this numismatic knowledge is dispersed. The frequency of the newsletter is driven by the number of submissions for publication. The editor of the SGS eNewsletter needs new material and welcomes the opportunity to review your original article for publication. Articles should be relevant to the study of the gold coins and related history of the Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans branch mints and private minters Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers. If you do a presentation at a gathering or other venue, consider compiling your notes into an article. Do not worry about the grammar. The editor will do the rest. Electronic manuscripts should be submitted by email to dcnumisma@outlook.com.

Mission Statement

The Southern Gold Society was formed to increase the enjoyment and study of Southern gold coins and related history, through an informal, relaxed mix of education and fellowship. The society is reminiscent of those of a bygone era, in which connoisseurship and a gentlemanly appreciation of Southern gold coins is the order of the day.

Purpose

- To facilitate the enjoyment and study of the gold coins and related history of the Southern branch mints (Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans) and private Southern minters (Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers).
- To enjoy each member's knowledge and friendship in an informal manner.
- To provide a relaxed, pleasant environment in which to meet during selected coin shows and other convenient events.
- To encourage the appreciation and preservation of a Southern gold coin’s original surfaces.
- To consolidate the information, resources, and talent available to enthusiasts of these historic Southern gold coins.

Annual Membership Fees

Regular $25 (January-December).

Membership for new members joining in October, November, or December extends through the next year. Checks for membership fees should be made payable to the Southern Gold Society and mailed to David Crenshaw, P.O. Box 237, Dacula, GA 30019-0004.

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